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TO JERRY BREMER FOR THE SECRETARY

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

TASS ANNOUNCES UPCOMING SOVIET MISSILE TEST: TASS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL CONDUCT MISSILE TESTS IN THE NORTHWEST PACIFIC BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 25 AND OCTOBER 5, AND WARNED SHIPS AND PLANES TO REMAIN OUT OF THE AREA. A SIMILAR SERIES OF TESTS WERE CONDUCTED LAST FEBRUARY. NO FURTHER DETAILS OF THE CURRENT TEST SERIES WERE GIVEN.

JAPANESE PRESS REPORTS KISSINGER'S 'BLUNT REMARKS': JAPANESE PRESS REPORTS THAT WHEN PRIME MINISTER TANAKA AND PRESIDENT FORD WERE POSING FOR A PHOTOGRAPH JUST BEFORE THEIR MEETING, YOU JOINED THE CONVERSATION AND MADE A JOKE ABOUT THE JAPANESE PRESS. JAPANESE DELEGATES WERE APPARENTLY HURT BY YOUR BLUNT REMARKS, BUT MANAGED TO FEIGN STIFF SMILES. SOME U.S. JOURNALISTS WHO DARED TO CRITICIZE YOUR REMARKS, SAID THAT "IT IS A JOKE WHICH CANNOT MAKE PEOPLE LAUGH" AND THAT IT IS "QUITE AN INSULT TO JAPANESE REPORTERS."

MILITARY PURGE CONTINUES IN GREECE: THIRTY-SIX ARMY, NAVAL, AND AIR FORCE OFFICERS WERE SUSPENDED FROM ACTIVE DUTY FOR A 12-MONTH PERIOD ON SEPTEMBER 21. THE LIST INCLUDES SENIOR OFFICERS WHO WERE STATIONED IN CYPRUS AT THE TIME OF THE JULY COUP AGAINST ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AND THOSE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE JUNTA. ATHENS GAVE NO REASON FOR THE MOVE, BUT IT IS A LOGICAL EXTENSION OF EARLIER STEPS BY THE KARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT TO DEPOLITICIZE THE ARMED FORCES HIERARCHY AND TO ASSURE TIGHT CIVILIAN CONTROL OVER IT.

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